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1. CANADIANS INFORMED US INFORMAL GROUP OF "SMALL EXPORTERS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS", INITIATED BY HUNGARIANS THREE MONTHS AGO (REF B), WILL MEET FEB 26 TO DISCUSS CEREALS. CANADIANS WERE LED TO BELIEVE US HAD BEEN INVITED TO FEB 26 MEETING WHICH WE SAID WAS NOT REPEAT NOT SO. CANADIAN MISSION BECOMING CONCERNED ABOUT TENDENCY OF THIS GROUP TO TRY DEAL WITH MAJOR AGRICULTURAL TRADE
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ITEMS WITHOUT MAIN EXPORTERS REPRESENTED (INSTEAD OF

SMALL ITEMS THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE OVERLOOKED, AS
ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY EE SPONSORS) AND THEY HAVE ACC-
ORDINGLY RECOMMENDED TO OTTAWA THAT CANADA NOT ATTEND.

2. CANADIANS TOLD US SECOND MEETING OF GROUP ON JAN 16
WAS "POINTLESS" SESSION WHERE DELS EXCHANGED INFO ON MAJOR
MARKETS AND TRADE BARRIERS ALL OF WHICH READILY AVAILABLE
IN PUBLISHED STATISTICS OR GATT INVENTORIES. EASTERN
EUROPEANS SUGGESTED SOME MEMBER OF GROUP SHOULD PROPOSE
TNC ESTABLISH WG ON MEAT ON BEHALF ALL MEMBERS OF INFORMAL
GROUP BUT AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND CANADA REJECTED IDEA AS
PREMATURE.

3. CANADIAN MISSION IS INCLINED SHARE OUR VIEW EASTERN
EUROPEAN INTEREST IS LESS WITH SUBSTANCE OF ANY PARTICULAR
AGRICULTURAL ITEM AT THIS STAGE BUT RATHER TO DEMONSTRATE
INTEREST IN MTN IN HOPES OF GAINING ACCESS TO DIRECTOR-
GENERAL'S GROUP OF SEVEL PLUS SEVEN.

4. WE NOTE THIS RUMP GROUPING ON GRAINS WILL MEET ON
SECOND DAY OF TNC WG 3E(AGRICULTURE). IN EVENT US DELEGATION
TO WG 3E RECEIVES LAST MINUTE INVITATION ATTEND FEB 26 MEET-
ING ON GRAINS, MISSION RECOMMENDS US POLITELY DECLINE ON
GROUNDS INADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE PLUS DOUBTS ABOUT TIMELI-
NESS AND UTILITY UNLESS ALL MAJOR GRAIN EXPORTERS ARE
INVITED AND ACCEPT.
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